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<B>RESIGNATION OF TWO MINISTER DO NOT MEAN ENERGY CRISIS - PRIME MINISTER<D>

VILNIUS, May 11, ELTA - Government approved resignation of Energy Minister Algimantas Stasiukynas and a new Energy Minister Arvydas Lescinskas, who holds the post of Transportation Ministry Secretary at present, is expected to be sworn in next week.

Former Director General of oil refinery Nafta Bronislavas Vainora also submitted his resignation from the post of Secretary of Energy Ministry and his resignation should be signed this week, Prime Minister Adolfas Slezevicius told a news conference on Thursday.

According to Slezevicius, the resignations of both officials was a coincidence and should not be treated as crisis in the Lithuanian energy system.

Slezevicius also informed about the plans almost to double the price of hot water and heating.

However, he addedd that at same time a number of social security measures to be introduce alongside with increase of prices were under consideration.

The measures will be devoted for the low income families.

Although the final prices would be adjusted, Slezevicius said that after introduction of them from June 1, the expenditure for hot water should not exceed 5 percent of family income.

And after the beginning of next heating season the expenditure on hot water and heating should not exceed 20 percent. If it exceeded, it would be compensated, Slezevicius said.

Asked what he thought about the interview of Vladislavas Gedvilas, Director of the company Butinges Nafta (Butinge oil terminal), when he had said that the construction works as well as funding of the oil terminal might be delayed, Slezevicius said that he had not had any authorisation to make such statements.

Slezevicius said that they were looking for foreign partners who would be able to provide financing for construction of the oil terminal.

Porposals by US firm Flour Daniel, which designed the terminal, to open a credit line of the bank Exim as well as proposals by Belgian and Turkish consortium were under consideration, Prime Minister noted.

Government, in its turn, was also looking for finance for the construction.

The stock capital of the terminal was being accumulated and at present there was enough of funds to start the preparatory